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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION MEETING

December 8, 2005--9:30 A.M.

**State Secondary Complex, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing
General Office Building, Conference Room B**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert DeYoung, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Margie Vissman
Chief. Ricardo Longoria
Mr. Gary Novak
Mr. David Glynn
Mr. Ronald Torbert
Mr. John Miller
Mr. Satyam Talati

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Margie Faville

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. John Peck	Director, Management and Technical Services Division
Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle	Program Manager, Standards Section
Mr. John Brennan	Director, General Industry Safety & Health Division
Ms. Cindy Eicher	Secretary, Standards Section

VISITORS ATTENDING:

Mr. Mark Spence
Ms. Cynthia Hutchens-Smith

Agenda Item #1—Call to Order and Roll Call

The December 8, 2005 Occupational Health Standards Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson DeYoung. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #2—Approval of Minutes for November 7, 2005 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Glynn and was seconded by Commissioner Longoria to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2005 Commission meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4—General Industry Safety & Health Division Update—John Brennan, Director

Mr. John Brennan informed the commissioners that the division staffing has not changed since the last Commission meeting and the division still has 27 safety officers, 23 industrial hygienists and 2 discrimination field investigators.

Mr. Brennan also advised that there have been no new fatalities for the General Industry Safety and Health Division to address since the last meeting and the total fatalities this year in general industry is still at eighteen.

Mr. Brennan informed the commissioners that the staff for the General Industry Safety and Health Division was partaking in a two day division staff meeting going over general issues. He also advised that on January 31, 2006 both the General Industry Safety and Health Division and the Construction Safety and Health Division would be receiving training on the updated Field Operations Manual (FOM). Mr. Brennan advised that a workgroup had been working on revising and updating the FOM for over a year for more consistency between the two divisions

Agenda Item #3—Standards Section Update—Marsha Parrott-Boyle, Program Manager

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle reviewed with the commissioners that the MIOSHA Strategic Goal for FY04-08 is to 'Reduce the backlog of standards to be revised by seventy percent (70%)'. She briefly reviewed the list of the 18 standards awaiting revisions including their order of priority

Ms. Parrott-Boyle advised the commissioners that the ergonomics advisory committee has held 21 meetings and is doing an outstanding job and a detailed report would be given later in the meeting. She also advised that diisocyanates draft would be taken up later in the meeting as well. . She also advised that we are working on getting a latex advisory committee ready to start meeting sometime later this fiscal year.

Agenda Item #5 – MIOSHA Update – Doug Kalinowski

Mr. Kalinowski was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict

Agenda Item #6--OSHA Update--Cynthia Hutchens-Smith, Area Director

Ms. Cynthia Hutchens-Smith advised that she works out of a four person office in Lansing. She explained to the commissioners the primary duties of her area OSHA office. One of their major responsibilities is to monitor state plan states. They use an automated tracking system to keep apprised of ongoing activities. States have six months to adopt new OSHA standards. States may either adopt the standard as written by federal OSHA or they may write their own as long as they are as effective as the standard adopted by OSHA.

Ms. Hutchens-Smith advised the commissioners that every year OSHA publishes a list of what they will be working on for the year and that can be viewed by going to www.osha.gov and selecting unified agenda. She advised some of the items on the unified agenda for the coming year that would be of interest to this group are crystalline silica, beryllium, assigned protection factors for respirators, hexavalent chromium and hearing conservation. In September of 2005 OSHA issued a notice of the standards identified that would be revised and the states were strongly encouraged to take a look at those.

Agenda Item #7--Old Business**a. Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee Update**

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle reviewed with the commissioners the history, timeline and roster for the Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee. She indicated that the Committee was fairly close with finishing their proposal regarding the content wording. Discussions were continuing relating to scope and the appendices. They have also had a subgroup start meeting to discuss and analyze the Michigan employers size and the number of MSD's in Michigan industries/

Ms. Parrott-Boyle briefly shared with the committee information regarding a HB 5447 that had been submitted to change Act 154 which proposed that no budgeted money be used to pursue an ergonomic standard.

Mr. Mark Spence, co-chair of the Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee reported to the Commissioners the Committees commitment and dedication to completing the proposed standard. He gave an update on how the draft is progressing and the issues the committee was working on.

Vice Chairperson DeYoung asked Mr. Spence to bring back to the Committee that the Commission would like to express their thanks and appreciation for the Committee's hard work and the time they have put into creating the ergonomics draft in progress

b. Diisocyanates Advisory Committee Proposed Draft Standard

Ms. Parrott-Boyle stated the Advisory Committee has submitted their diisocyanates draft for the commissions review and action. Ms. Parrott Boyle reviewed with the commissioners the issues the committee faced and reviewed the Diisocyanates Advisory Committee's recommendation that OH Part 301, Air Contaminants standard be open to be brought up to date with current ACGIH and NIOSH exposure limits for diisocyanates. The Diisocyanates Advisory Committee has also submitted 'Signs and Posting' to the commission, because the committee was unable to reach a consensus on that issue. Commissioner Glynn and Marsha Parrott-Boyle shared the sentiment for pro and con.

Mr. John Peck reviewed with the Commissioners information contained within the Summary of 2004 Occupational Disease Reports to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. The commissions were given copies of the pertinent pages of the report that particularly pertained to diisocyanate exposure and occupational asthma. Mr. Peck went through the handout page by page and pointed out the sections that gave information relevant to the issues the commission is dealing with.

Mr. David Glynn distributed a handout to the commission that was a NIOSH Alert titled Preventing Asthma and Death from Diisocyanate Exposure.

The Commission reviewed the Diisocyanates Standard Advisory Committee Recommendation that requested the Commission to open the Occupational Health Part 301 Air Contaminant standard and bring the permissible exposure limits up to date with current ACGIH and NIOSH values.

A motion was made by Commissioner Glynn and was seconded by Commissioner Vissman to open OH Part 301 Air Contaminants standard to review the permissible exposure limits and bring them up to date with current ACGIH and NIOSH values as recommended by the Diisocyanates Standard Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The commissioners discussed the signs and posting issue that the Advisory Committee was unable to reach a consensus on. The Commissioners heard the comments and rationale that were expressed by those both sides of the issue.

The committee members discussed in detail the definition of "Exposure or exposed" and the use of the word 'subjected'. The following revision was discussed:

"Exposure or exposed" means when an employee uses diisocyanates in the course of employment and has reasonable anticipation of contact to diisocyanates including possibility of accidental exposure. Exposure includes any route of entry (e.g. inhalation, ingestion, skin contact or absorption). See appendix A for job classification examples.

Marsha Parrott-Boyle offered to bring past examples of "exposure" definitions for their consideration at the next meeting.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded by Commissioner Glynn that the Commission table action on the diisocyanates draft until the next scheduled meeting.

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Agenda Item #8--New Business

None

Agenda Item #9—Meetings- Proposed Schedule for 2006

The commission had no needed changes to the 2006 meeting schedule as proposed. The Commissioners also noted that at their next meeting they would need to elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson for the coming year.

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 8, 2006
At the General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing
Conference Room B - 9:30 to noon

Agenda Item #10--Public Comment

None

Agenda Item #11--Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Novak and was seconded by Commissioner Longoria that with no further business before the Commission, the meeting be adjourned.

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Mr. Robert DeYoung, Vice-Chairperson

Date